Replacement of Obsolete Aircraft by IAF

2455. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether IAF has been clamouring for advanced jet trainers to replace the obsolete Hunter T66 and MIG-21 trainers;

(b) whether Government have abandoned all plans to buy either Hawk or Alpha and are considering a Russian offer for a new trainer; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and by when the new deal is to be contracted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c). Government is aware of the requirement of an Advanced Jet Trainer (AJT) for stage III training of combat pilots. Acquisition of Advanced Jet Trainer, accordingly, has already been approved by the Government. Commercial negotiations have commenced with the shortlisted vendors i.e. manufacturers of Hawk and Alpha Jet. The Government is also monitoring the development of Russian AJTs.

[Translation]

Engineering Colleges

2456. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of new engineering diploma/ degree colleges were recognized by the All India Technical Education Council, Maharashtra during the year 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether applications of some of the new engineering colleges have been rejected; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) 9 engineering colleges and 4 polytechnics have been approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) during the year 1996-97 in the State of Maharashtra.

(b) Details are given enclosed statement.

(c) and (d). Because of excess capacity already existing, the State Government have advised the AICTE not to accord approval for new engineering colleges except for the districts where no colleges exist at present. Proposals also have been rejected due to deficiencies in respect of the required Standard & Norms of the Council.

STATEMENT

List of Engineering Colleges approved by All India Council for Technical Education during 1996-97 in the State of Maharashtra

S. No.	Name of Institution/ Affiliating Agency	Course(s)
1	2	3
1.	Department of Chemical Technology, Amravati, University, Amravati, Maharashtra-444602 Amravati University	Food Technology Oils & Paints Technology Petro Chemical Technology Pulp & Paper Technology
2.	Department of Chemical Technology, North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon, Maharashtra-425001 North Maharashtra University	Food Technology, Oils, Fats & Waxes Technology Paints Technology Plastic Technology
3.	Department of Instrumentation Engineering, Amravati University, Amravati Maharashtra-442602 Amravati University	Instrumentation Engineering
4.	Govt. College of Engineering, Jalgaon K.H. 6 Zilha Peth Jalgaon-425002 North Maharashtra University	Electronics & Comm Engineering Instrumentation Engineering Mechanical Engineering
5.	Govt. College of Engineering Chandrapur (Maharashtra) Nagpur University	Electrical Engineering Instrumentation Engineering Mechanical Engineering
6.	Institute of Technology S.N.D.T., Women's University, Juhu Mumbai-400049 (Maharashtra) S.N.D.T. Women's University	Computer Sc. & Technology Electronics & Comm. Engineering Instrumentation Technology
7.	Manitoba Finolex Academy of Management & Tech., Ratnagiri (Maharashtra)	Electrical Engineering Electronics Engineering Mechanical Engineering
8.	Sinhgao Technical Education Society's College of Engg., Pune University of Pune.	Chemical Engineering Computer Engineering Electronics & Telecomm Engg. Mechanical Engineering

1	2	3
9	Visveswaraya Engineering College, Dist. Nasik (Maharashtra)	Chemical Engineering Electrical Engineering Mechanical Engineering

ist of Polytechnics approved by AICTE during 1996-97 in the State of Maharashtra

1	K.K. Wagh Women's Polytechnic. Hirabai aridas Vidyanagari, Amrut Dham, Panchavati, Nashik-422003	Dress Designing & Mnfg. Interior Design & Decoration
2	Shree Hanuman Vyavam Prasarak Mandal's Polytechnic, Amravati Nashik-422003	Computer Maintenance Engg. (PG) Computer Software Tech. (PD.)
3.	Naval Institute of Technology, 4, Pasta Lane, Colaba Mumbai-400005.	Computer Engineering Travel & Tourism Electronics & Telecomm. Engg.
4.	Centre for Electronics Design & Technology, Dr. B.A.M. University, Aurangabad-431004	Electronics Production & Maintenance.

Saikia Committee

2457. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ :
SHRI NITISH KUMAR :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have constituted a Committee recently under the Chairmanship of Shri R.N. Saikia to make improvements in the existing education policy;

(b) if so, the names of other member of the Committee and details of their speciality in the field of education,

(c) whether the Government have fixed any time-limit for submitting the report by the Committee;

(d) if so the details thereof;

(e) the facilities provided by the Government to the Committee for completing their task; and

(f) the facilities demanded by the Commitee but have not been provided by the Government so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Government have appointed a Committee chaired by Shri Muhi Ram Saikia, Union Minister for [illegible] Development (Education) to consider the financial, administrative, legal and academic implications of the proposal to make the right to free and compulsory elementary education a Fundamental Right.

(b) to (d). The names and designations of members of the Committee are shown in copy of this Department's Order dated 29 August, 1996, constituting the Committee enclosed as statement. The tenure of the Committee is upto 15-01-1997.

(e) The members of the Committee are entitled to TA and DA as per Government of India Rules.

(f) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

No. F.1-53/92-EE
Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
(Deptt. of Education)

New Delhi, 29th August, 1996

ORDER

The Common Minimum Programme of the United Front proposes to make free and compulsory education for children upto 14 years a Fundamental Right for achieving universalisation of elementary education by the turn of the century. This proposal would give the entire nation the necessary resolve to achieve this goal and help in harmessing the resources required for this purpose. The pros and cons of the proposal were deliberated upon in the Conference of State Education Ministers on 10th August, 1996. While recognising the significance of the proposed Constitutional Amendment, the Conference felt that widespread consultations at the political level were necessary to carefully consider the legal, financial, administrative and academic implications of the matter. Accordingly, it has been decided to set up a Committee of Ministers to examine the varjous (legal, financial, administrative and academic) implications of this proposal. The composition of the Committee would be as follows :-

1. Shri Muhi Ram Saikia, Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Government of India - Chairman.
2. Shri Jayaprakas Narayan Yadav, Education Minister, Bihar
3. Shri Kanti Biswas, Minister-in-charge, School Education West Bengal.
4. Hon'ble Prof. K. Anbazbagan, Education Minister, Tamil Nadu.
5. Shri P.J. Joseph, Education Minister, Kerala.
6. Shri H.G. Govinda Gowda, Minister for Primary and Secondary Education, Karnataka.